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CTB MESSAGE NO. 207

1. SUMMARY. AT PLENARY ON MAY 17, WARNKE (US) REVIEWED US DEL VERIFICATION PROPOSALS AND PRESSED SOVIETS TO GET DOWN TO DETAILED EFFORTS TO SOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. EDMONDS (UK) SUMMARIZED STATUS OF VERIFICATION ISSUES FROM UK VIEWPOINT. PETROSYANTS (USSR), CITING BREZHNEV, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONCLUDING TREATY AND URGED US TO FURNISH COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ITS NATIONAL SEISMIC STATION PROPOSAL SO AS TO AVOID DELAY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. WARNKE DELIVERED STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) WELCOMING PETROSYANTS AS NEW HEAD OF SOV DEL AND EMPHASIZING THAT EVEN  
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MORE INTENSIVE EFFORT WOULD BE NEEDED TO REACH GOAL OF EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF CTB. HE NOTED GENERAL AGREEMENT TO FOCUS FIRST ON VERIFICATION ISSUES, AND REVIEWED STATUS OF US PROPOSALS ON NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS (NSS), PROCEDURES FOR INITIATING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, AND THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. US DEL EXPECTED TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON NUMBERS AND LOCA-

TIONS OF NSS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT FELT THAT IN THE MEANTIME WORKING GROUPS SHOULD GET DOWN TO DETAILED EFFORTS TO SOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. WARNKE NOTED PROGRESS ON LANGUAGE FOR INITIATING OSIS AND REAFFIRMED IMPORTANCE FOR US OF AGREED UNDERSTANDING ON REFUSAL OF OSI REQUESTS. IN CLOSING HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO VERIFICATION IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO NEGOTIATE ON OTHER KEY ISSUES SUCH AS DURATION, WITHDRAWAL, AND PNES.

3. EDMONDS DELIVERED STATEMENT (SEPTEL) THANKING US FOR NEW DRAFTS ON VERIFICATION ISSUES AND SUMMARIZING STATUS FROM UK POINT OF VIEW. HE FELT TEXTS ON OSI INITIATION REFLECTED AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS, AND STRESSED THAT ESSENTIAL DETAILS ON NSS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TEXT RATHER THAN DEFERRED TO JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION (JCC).

4. PETROSYANTS, IN PREPARED STATEMENT (SEPTEL), STRESSED AGAIN THE "EXTREMELY GREAT" IMPORTANCE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON A CTB, AND QUOTED BREZHNEV'S HOPE THAT THE WORK COULD BE BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES HAD BEEN AGREED, THAT THERE HAD BEEN A NARROWING OF ISSUES ON SEVERAL OTHERS, AND THAT WORKING OUT AGREEMENT ON TEXT HAD BEGUN. HOWEVER, THERE WERE STILL A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED. IN  
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THE VIEW OF THE SOV DEL, IT WAS APPROPRIATE NOW TO CONCENTRATE ON SOLVING THE REMAINING VERIFICATION ISSUES, INCLUDING OSI INITIATION, RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, AND SEISMIC VERIFICATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT (SVA).

5. PETROSYANTS FELT THAT DISCUSSIONS HELD SINCE THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS SHOWED THAT ALL CONDITIONS EXISTED TO PROGRESS RAPIDLY TO AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF INITIATING OSIS. ON THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, THE FUNDAMENTAL SOV DEL APPROACH WAS THAT THESE SHOULD BE WORKED OUT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT LEFT TO THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE ENORMOUS VARIETY OF CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SUCH INSPECTIONS MIGHT OCCUR, THERE SHOULD BE AN OVERALL PROVISION ON RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS IN THE SVA WITH AGREEMENT ON DETAILS FOR EACH SPECIFIC CASE TO BE WORKED OUT IN THE JCC. THE SOV DEL WAS NOW ANALYZING THE ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT OFFERED BY THE US DEL ON RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS AS THEY PERTAINED TO NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS AND WOULD RESPOND LATER.

6. PETROSYANTS CHARACTERIZED SEISMIC VERIFICATION WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE SVA AS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX PROBLEM REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED. HE NOTED THAT THE SOV DEL HAD NOT INITIATED THE IDEA OF INTERNAL SEISMIC INSTALLATIONS, WHICH HE SAID HAD ONLY NOW RECEIVED THE CORRECT DESIGNATION "NSS." IF THE SOV DEL CONSIDERED THIS IDEA, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF THEIR GREAT INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A TREATY. THE SOV DEL WAS NOT YET READY TO ANSWER THE US PROPOSALS, MAINLY BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED SUFFICIENT CLARIFICATION FROM THE US ON MANY ASPECTS. PETROSYANTS HOPED THAT THE US WOULD BE ABLE TO

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PROVIDE ALL THE RELEVANT DETAIL IN THE NEAREST POSSIBLE FUTURE IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYING THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN CLOSING, HE EMPHASIZED THAT SOV DEL WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY US DEL PROPOSALS AND DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

7. AT POST PLENARY HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING, WARNKE EXPLAINED REASONS FOR AGREEING ON DETAILS OF RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS FOR OSI DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN IN JCC. PETROSYANTS DID NOT REJECT WARNKE'S ARGUMENTS, SAYING HE COULD PERSONALLY AGREE WITH ALMOST EVERYTHING WARNKE HAD SAID. ON NSS, PETROSYANTS SAID SUGGESTION OF VISIT TO NEW MEXICO TO VISIT US FACILITIES

WAS A GOOD ONE, BUT SOVIET DEL WOULD HAVE TO STUDY  
DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING EQUIPMENT FIRST. SOVIET DEL WAS CON-  
CERNED THAT EQUIPMENT WAS NOT YET MANUFACTURED BUT ONLY  
BEING DEVELOPED. WARNKE NOTED THAT EQUIPMENT WAS IN  
ADVANCED STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. WHATEVER SCHEDULE MIGHT  
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BE FOR NSS INSTALLATION, WE SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT  
NOW ON WHAT WAS TO BE INSTALLED LATER. AT CONCLUSION OF  
SESSION, SENATOR BARTLETT, WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT DURING  
PLENARY, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT VERIFICATION ISSUES  
WERE AT TOP OF THE AGENDA IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND UNDER-  
SCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING MEANINGFUL  
OSIS, FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WARNKE

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